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1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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Weekly Meeting

Venue: Hotel Shivalikview,

Sector 17, Chandigarh

Date: 29 December 2023 (Friday)

Time: 6.30 pm

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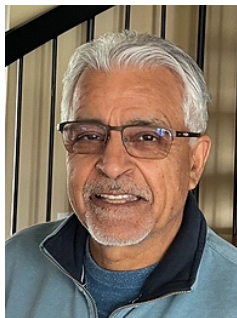
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Rtn. Anil Puri

Rtn. Anil Puri's Inspirational Visit to Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown was a heartening display of global camaraderie and impactful collaboration, Rotary Chandigarh Midtown Club recently had the esteemed privilege of hosting Rotarian Anil Puri from the Twin Cities Club, USA. This meeting not only marked a special connection between clubs but also epitomized the essence of Rotary's worldwide network and shared dedication to service.

During his visit, Rtn. Anil Puri graced our club's weekly gathering, where Rtn. Arun Puri, expressing heartfelt gratitude, acknowledged the profound association with our club that has brought him honor and immense pride. This recognition of our Club is due to the profound achievements and dedicated efforts of our members.

Rtn. Anil Puri's itinerary was nothing short of inspiring as he immersed himself in our club's core initiatives and signature projects. His visit included important encounters with the impactful work being done at various locations, from the Singhpura and Bir Ghaggar projects to the Vocational Centre planned at Bir Ghaggar under the Global Grant for this year and Peer Muchalla School. Moreover, his interaction with the beneficiaries of the Sahyog Project, a project he proudly sponsored, added a deeply personal touch to his visit. His admiration for our club's dedication to service and the transformative projects we undertake has left an indelible mark, elevating our collective spirit. Rtn. Anil Puri's visit not only strengthened the bond between both clubs but also served as a symbol of inspiration for our members, reinforcing the significance of our endeavors and the power of collaborative service on a global scale. We are immensely proud of this milestone achievement for our club and remain committed to furthering the noble cause of Rotary.



Site for Vocational Center
Bir Ghaggar



Rain Harvesting Facility
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Anganwadi at Bir Ghaggar



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at Peermushala done with
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Announcement of Board for the RY 24-25 by Election Committee Chair : Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra

In 1911, Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, wrote an article entitled "Rational Rotarianism" which can be summarized as follows: "Life in Rotary should be a rational mixture of business, civic activities, and fellowship" As the Chair person of the Election Committee for Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown, a position that carries both honor and responsibility, I want to take a moment to reflect on the vision of our Incoming President Nitin Kapur who with passion and integrity has demonstrated his commitment to the principles and objectives of Rotary. Recognizing that the vision and sustainability goals may evolve over time, we should stay open to adjustments based on feedback and changing circumstances. In times of adversity, fostering togetherness and unity is crucial. While the challenges of leadership in Rotary may be demanding, the rewards lie in the positive impact on communities, personal growth, and the sense of fulfillment that comes from contributing to Rotary's noble mission of service above self. Being accountable for our decisions, transparent in our communication, and taking responsibility for the impact of our leadership is of paramount importance. Hence demonstrating unwavering integrity in our actions builds trust and sets standard for ethical leadership



Today, I am pleased to announce the Board of 2024-25 and introduce the dedicated individuals who will compose the board for the upcoming year. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all the members of the Election Committee PP Dr Balram Gupta Counsellor, PP VK Jawa Member, PP BL Ramsisaria invitee, for their diligence, fairness, and transparency. Organizing and overseeing the election is no small task, and your dedication has been vital in upholding the legacy of our club.

Each member of the newly elected board brings a wealth of experience, passion, and a shared commitment to furthering the Rotary mission in our community and beyond. Without further ado, let me present to you the leaders who will guide our Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown in the coming year. Please join me in welcoming them with the enthusiasm and support they deserve.

To the newly elected board members, congratulations. As you embark on this journey, remember that leadership in Rotary is about service, collaboration, and innovation. I have no doubt that you will lead with commitment, inspire with your actions, and uphold the values that define us as Rotarians reflecting the core principles of Rotary. These are not just guidelines; they are the bedrock of our decisions and actions. As we step into this new Rotary year, I urge you to continuously apply the Rotary Four-Way Test in all aspects of your leadership.

This test asks the following of the things we think, say, or do:

1. **Is it the Truth?:** Truth is the foundation of all our actions. As leaders, always seek and uphold the truth.
2. **Is it Fair to all Concerned?:** Ensure fairness and equality in your decisions and actions. A fair approach builds trust and unity.
3. **Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?:** Strive to foster an environment where goodwill flourishes and friendships grow. This is essential for strong, supportive networks.
4. **Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?:** Aim for the greater good in all your endeavors. Our actions should positively impact our members, our community, and beyond.

Your leadership will not just be judged by the achievements you garner, but by the adherence to these ethical standards and values. They should be reflected in your strategies, your communication, and most importantly, in your daily interactions within and outside the Rotary community.

And Finally as leaders always remember the power of inspiration. Lead by example, show compassion and be the guiding light in our mission. Together we can ignite the spark of service ,creating a ripple effect of goodness and hope that extends beyond our immediate reach.I have complete faith in capabilities of each and everyone of you . Let us stand united shoulder to shoulder as we embrace this incredible journey of leadership and service.

Congratulations and let us move forward with unwavering determination for the world is waiting for the positive impact only we can create as leaders of Rotary.



Welcome to Our Board for the RY 24-25



Rtn. Nitin Kapur
President Elect RY 24-25



Rtn. Jeeten Bhambri
President RY 23-24



Rtn. J S Bawa
President Nominee RY 24-25



Rtn. Anupum Jain
Vice President RY 24-25



Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia
Secretary RY 24-25



Rtn. Manjushri Sharma
Treasurer RY 24-25



Rtn. Suresh Dhawan
Joint Secretary RY 23-24



Rtn. Renu Chopra
Director RY 24-25



Rtn. Anup Sharma
Director RY 24-25



Rtn. Kulwinder Chatwal
Director RY 24-25



Rtn. Kulbir Bhatia
Director RY 24-25

President Elect Rtn. Nitin Kapur before starting his vision remembered two iconic figures of our club Late PP Inderjit Sengupta & Late Sh. VP Sharma. In his vision he stated to work dedicatedly for the community and deliver the best. He wanted to focus on four B's - Basta (Bag), Boot (Shoes), Batua (Purse) and Bachav (Safety) wherein no student will be without bags and shoes, people will have opportunities to earn their living and focus will be on safety as well.



Late PP Inderjit Sengupta Late Shri V. P. Sharma

Congratulations



Week Gone By

Susiksha Projects by PP Salil Chopra at Saharanpur

Project Sushiksha: A Blend of Oral Health Education and Moral Ethics at Globizens School, Saharanpur was organised in collaboration with Rotary. This project, spearheaded by Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, brought together two essential elements for the holistic development of students: oral health education by Dr. Sanjay Kalra and a session on moral values and ethics by PP Rtn Salil Chopra. The session attended by about 200 students began with Dr. Sanjay Kalra's interactive session on oral health. As a renowned expert in the field, Dr. Kalra's approach was both engaging and informative. He emphasized the importance of oral hygiene, discussing topics like proper brushing techniques, the significance of regular dental check-ups, and the impact of diet on dental health including the five golden rules for prevention of dental disease. The main session by Rtn Salil Chopra delved into topics like honesty, empathy, respect, and responsibility, using real-life examples and interactive discussions. One of the highlights of Chopra's session was the emphasis on practical application. He encouraged the students to think about how they could apply these values in their everyday interactions and decisions. This approach resonated with the students, sparking insightful conversations and self-reflection. As we look forward to more such initiatives, we are reminded of the powerful role education plays in shaping not just minds but also the moral fabric of our society.



Best out of Waste competition at Amity International, Mohali



On December 21, 2023, Amity International School Mohali hosted a Best Out of Waste competition, where students showcased their creativity through innovative projects. The competition yielded three distinguished projects, with participants demonstrating commendable resourcefulness. The panel of judges, comprising Rtn. Naveen Aggarwal, R'ann Nandita Sisodia and Rtr Riya, brought expertise to the evaluation process. Their discerning judgment contributed to the recognition of first, second, and third-place projects. The presence of Rtr. Rashdeep Singh and Rtr. Chahat Thakur, Mr Dhiman and Arti ma'am underscored the Rotary community's support for such initiatives, reinforcing the importance of environmental consciousness and creativity. In acknowledgment of their exemplary efforts, the participating children were honoured with certificates, symbolizing their commitment to sustainability and innovation. This event exemplifies the dedication of Amity International School Mohali to fostering creativity and environmental awareness.

Health Screening Camp at GMSSS, Sector 32, Chandigarh

Rotary club Chandigarh Midtown, in association with RCC Disability Empowerment, organised a health camp for NSS volunteers, staff, and parents of NSS volunteers, at Government model senior secondary school, sector 32, Chandigarh. The health camp started with a health awareness talk by Dr. Ajay Gupta, paediatrician and adolescent health specialist. Dr. Ajay engaged the students in mental games, which the students thoroughly enjoyed. He then apprised the students of health promotion activities through lifestyle modification, especially diet and physical activity. This was followed by health check up of NSS volunteers by Dr. Ajay Gupta and Dr. Manjushri Sharma. Eye check up of the volunteers was done by the team of ophthalmologist from Fortis Hospital led by Dr. Vineet Kumar joined by Dr. Mirchia's Laser Eye Clinic team. The volunteers were also screened for anaemia by Diagnostic associates.



Hands Across the Globe: Rotary in Action

In a world where produce deemed imperfect is often discarded, the Rotary Club of Hamburg, inspired by a simple act of generosity, took a stance against food waste. Earl Knauss, a member with a heart for change, received three bushels of rejected red peppers from a neighboring farm. Little did he know, this seemingly small gesture would spark a revolution against food waste.

The realization struck hard—tons of misshapen, blemished, yet perfectly edible vegetables were being needlessly discarded. Knauss, fueled by a passion for community service, reached out to the farm and, with their support, began collecting these cast-aside treasures. Thus, the Farm to Family project was born.

What started as a single act of kindness has now blossomed into a beacon of hope for over 3,000 families. From May to December, Rotary members and their allies rally together, working tirelessly to distribute 100,000 pounds of rescued vegetables across 23 distribution sites. This initiative isn't just about salvaging produce; it's about filling the plates and hearts of those in need.

Kim Reynolds, the director of Resurrection Life Food Pantry in Cheektowaga, attests to the project's profound impact. She emphasizes how the program bridges a critical gap, providing fresh vegetables that would otherwise be scarce.

The Farm to Family initiative isn't merely about vegetables; it's showcasing the power of collective action. It's about Rotary members banding together, uniting to make a tangible difference in their community. It's a reminder that even the seemingly imperfect can nurture and sustain, fostering a community where no one goes hungry.

As we reflect on the achievements of this project, let it serve as an inspiration—a reminder that change often begins with a single act of kindness and can grow into a movement that transforms lives.

Rtn डॉ शशि जैन से रूबरू दिल से दिल की गुफतगू

R'Ann Sarabjit Bawa is w/o Rtn. Jagwinder Singh Bawa. She is Masters in Political Science from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. However, she chose to be a Homemaker. She got settled in Chandigarh after her marriage and has been a part of Rotary family since 2005 when her husband became Rotarian. She is an unassuming person with a very pleasing personality.

Q. What is your image of Rotary?

A. I love the basic philosophy of Rotary. It is humanitarian and works on the principle of 'Service before self'. In Rotary, people care about those who are in need and help them genuinely, thereby making a difference in their lives. Rotary is an association of intellectuals from different walks of life having a long practical experience which in turn helps in conceiving the right projects and then executing them methodically and meticulously. I am motivated to do my little bit for the society through the platform of Rotary.

Q. Your husband had been the Secretary in the Club and has been a member of the Board and had to discharge many responsibilities, how did you support him?

A. I have always tried to provide whole hearted support to my husband in discharging his duty sincerely. Since I am a homemaker, I manage the household affairs and keep my husband free of the worries of household affairs. Though I am not directly involved in Rotary activities but I do attend Rotary meetings and participate in some projects of my interest.

Q. How has Rotary helped you in your personal life?

A. It gives mental peace when you do something for the underprivileged. We have earned sincere life long friends in Rotary. I also love and enjoy the functions and fellowships. Wish you life long involvement with Rotary



Donations for Club Projects

Acknowledged with thanks donations from Rotarians for the GG 2349087 for Vocational Center at Bir Ghaggar

President Jeeten Bhambri - 1000 \$	Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kalra - 1000 \$	Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia - 1000 \$
Rtn. Ritu Bhatia - 500 \$	PE Rtn. Nitin Kapur - 400 \$	Rtn. J S Bawa - 250 \$
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Rtn. Anil Mehan - 250 \$	Rtn. Renu Chopra - 250 \$	Rtn. Amanpreet Singh - 600 \$
Rtn. TS Anand - 1000 \$	Rtn. Pradeep Sisodia - 100 \$	Rtn. Vinod Jawa - 700 \$

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Rtn. Vijay K Gupta - 100000/-	Rtn. Col VK Kapoor - 25000/-	Rtn. J S Bawa - 10000/-
Rtn. Ashok Puri - 10000/-	Rtn. Vinod Jawa - 25000/-	

Board Announcement Meeting followed by Fellowship

As per normal practice, in every weekly meeting, Rotary Chandigarh Midtown celebrates birthday and wedding anniversary of Rotarians and R'anns This week the meeting was a special meeting where in our Board for the RY 24-25 was announced which was followed by a mouth watering fellowship from the newly elected board also Rtn. Anil Puri's presence blended the evening further and made it rememberable. Birthdays and Anniversary gift were given by Rtn. Anil Puri.



National Anthem by Rtn. Kulwinder Chatwal, joined by Sergeant-at-Arms PP Rtn Ashok Puri, Dr. Rita Kalra, President Jeeten and Secretary Anup Sharma



Facilitation of Rtn. Anil Puri by Rtn. BL Ramsaria & Rtn. Dr. Balam Gupta, joined by Sergeant-at-Arms PP Rtn Ashok Puri, Dr. Rita Kalra, President Jeeten Bhambri and Secretary Anup Sharma



Donation of a Sweing Machine to a needy in memory of Late R'ann Pushpa Jawa by Rtn. Vinod Jawa & Family in presence of Rtn. Anil Puri President Jeeten Bhambri and Secretary Anup Sharma



Facilitation of Lucky Draw Winner Rtn. Prem Anand joined by R'ann Indu Anand, Rtn. Anil Puri, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, President Jeeten and Secretary Anup Sharma



Celebrating Birthday of R'ann Ranjana Tulsi, joined by Rtn. RTPS Tulsi, Rtn. Anil Puri, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, President Jeeten and Secretary Anup Sharma



Celebrating Birthday of Rtn. Ritu Bhatia, joined by Rtn. Sanjay Bhatia, Rtn. Anil Puri, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, President Jeeten and Secretary Anup Sharma



Celebrating Birthday of Rtn. Manjushri Sharma, joined by Rtn. Anil Puri, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, President Jeeten Bhambri and Secretary Anup Sharma



Celebrating Birthday of Rtn. Renu Chopra, joined by Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. Anil Puri, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, President Jeeten and Secretary Anup Sharma



Celebrating Anniversary of Rtn. Amarjit, joined by Rtn. Anil Puri, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, President Jeeten Bhambri and Secretary Anup Sharma



Celebrating Anniversary of Rtn. Naveen Aggarwal, joined by Rtn. Anil Puri, Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra, President Jeeten Bhambri and Secretary Anup Sharma



Facilitation of Rtn. Vinod Jawa for becoming a Polio Plus Club Member on donating 100\$, by Rtn. Anil Puri joined by President Jeeten Bhambri & Secretary Anup Sharma



Facilitation of Rtn. Anupum Jain for becoming a Polio Plus Club Member on donating 100\$, by Rtn. Anil Puri joined by President Jeeten Bhambri & Secretary Anup Sharma



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Celebrating Birthday's & Anniversary's

Birthday - Spouse	
Dec 17	R'Ann Kiran Sharma
Dec 17	R'Ann Ranjana Tulsi
Birthday - Rotarian	
Dec 17	Ritu Bhatia
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Dec 21	Ankita Chopra



PP Rtn Salil Chopra

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